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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**RE: Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Quarterly Report, D.T.E. 01-66**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Pursuant to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's ("Department") March 28, 2002 Order ("Order") in the above-referenced proceeding, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO") hereby files its quarterly report. Attached are a mobile transformer status listing and a tree trimming schedule. As stated in WMECO's Compliance filing filed today under separate cover, WMECO does not have any emergency generators.

On page 15 of the Order, the Department requested additional documentation of cooperation with local communities. WMECO has developed a cooperative relationship with the municipalities that we serve. WMECO's arborists work closely with Town Tree Wardens to inspect and agree on trimming plans. In addition, WMECO tree removals are frequently done in a cooperative mode with the Town. Tree cutting and removal is completed by Town and WMECO crews working together. This allows both parties to reduce tree removal costs through cost sharing.

WMECO has developed a second cost saving program, the roadside mower lease program. This program enables municipalities to purchase roadside brush mowers with financial assistance from WMECO. Municipal crews then provide the labor to mow roadside brush, preventing brush and tree growth into WMECO facilities.

Please contact me or Mike Smith at (413)787-9303 should you have any questions in regard to WMECO's report.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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